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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 18, 2004, Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, (Claims 1-36). Accordingly, Applicant hereby cancels claims 37-43 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce such canceled claims in one or more divisional applications.

The Restriction Requirement also required an election between the following patentably distinct species: heart rate, cardiac rhythm, patient activity level, respiration, and metabolic need. Applicant elects the "heart rate" species for immediate prosecution, and submits that claims 1-6, 15 – 20, and 28 – 32 read on this elected species. Moreover, Applicant respectfully submits that at least claim 1 is clearly generic, since it recites each of the above-listed species.